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## UD STUDENTS PASS THEIR WISDOM TO FUTURE GENERATIONS, WRITE HANDBOOK FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

For several years the University of Dayton has offered "laundry tips" to incoming students who are rookies at sorting the lights from the darks. As part of this year's orientation booklet, five UD students have written a "UD Handbook By Students, For Students" to help incoming students survive the "freshman syndrome." It's a short course in "UD 101."

Why, for instance, is it important to call your new college roommate during the summer? It's nice to know something about the stranger you will be living with, but more importantly, "it's not fun finding yourself stuck with three refrigerators, no stereo, and five of the same Mel Gibson or Heather Locklear poster."

According to the handbook, one of the more pressing problems on any incoming student's mind is: "How am I going to fit so much stuff in so small a space--translated--What are the residence hall rooms like?" For starters, the University does provide bed sheets that can be exchanged once a week, and there are phones in every room plus an extra jack. Among the necessities to bring: color-safe bleach and "crates, crates and more crates." The luxuries that are nice to have include a Walkman, TV, stereo, computer, first-aid kit and school supplies. "Tape" is the only item that appears under both necessities and luxuries. And as for the all-important question, "Should you bring carpet and a refrigerator," the students concede that "carpet and refrigerators are not absolute necessities, but we can't imagine living without them."

The handbook offers phone numbers for pizza delivery, a listing of clubs, organizations and services and the tips on riding the Regional Transit Authority ("One of the most frequently taken buses by UD students is number 17. This bus takes you to the Dayton Mall"). The book also gives some insight into University regulations. About the alcohol policy: "You're not 21--enough said. (P.S. Just a tip; this policy IS enforced)." About keys and meal tickets: "TAKE THEM WITH YOU EVERYWHERE! You will learn soon enough that keys and meal tickets are the key to college success (pardon the pun). You cannot eat without your meal ticket. You cannot get into your building, onto your floor, into your room without your key--unless you happen to be an experienced thief."

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